

At Random

Tomorrow's car may be a miniature "living-room" on wheels, according to some observers.

A new development in Brazil promises coffee tablets that may be dissolved in hot water.

Probably have to bring our own cream and sugar.

Over 25 million chocolate bars were distributed to American troops and war prisoners last year. Pretty sweet of 'em.

Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota wouldn't be hard to take for Republican candidate for President.

And Bricker, too, has done a good job as Governor of Ohio.

Of course Dewey and Willkie are accepted outstanding candidates.

Punning about Eleanor, we believe is OK, but slandering and belittling remarks are definitely out of place.

Estimated 400 to 500 pike speared out of Lake Margrethe this winter couldn't hurt the supply. Might better cut out the hook and line fishing in March if conserving fish is desired.

"St. Patrick's day in the morning!" In spite of the stand taken by fire, we still must admire the Irish, to whom St. Patrick's Day means much.

There are many good old Irish names that bring out the heart throbs. Long live the Irish! Let's all wear a bit of green tomorrow.

Gas rationing may be inconvenient, but so is life in the jungles... SO, why kick?

The weather? Oh, yes—very much like March.

When one laughs at his own joke, it loses its point.

It's consoling to feel that unruly blasts usher in gentle Spring.

Have you sent in your Red Cross contribution? If not, send to Chairman Roy Trudgeon, or in care of the Avalanche.

Women's Club

Mrs. Holger Peterson was hostess to the club Monday evening.

At the business session the club voted to ask each member for a dollar (\$1.00), toward a fund which will be used in the future for community work with a view to helping returning servicemen.

Mrs. Ernest Hoesli introduced a paper on "The Soldier and His Recreation." She had prepared and read the paper before the H.C. Women's Club. It gave a complete insight into the very efficient recreational work being carried on by the U. S. O.

Mrs. Carl Johnson announced that at the meeting on Monday evening, March 20, will be held at 8 o'clock, when Rev. Svend Holm will give a lecture on "Religion as a Healing Factor in Life."

He meeting will be open to public, both ladies and gentlemen are urged to attend.

The second part of the program will be the showing of two films—"A Sifted in Time," telling the many accidents on the home caused by carelessness and carelessness; the other movie, "The Future of the World," portrayed the advancement that will be enjoyed by 1980.

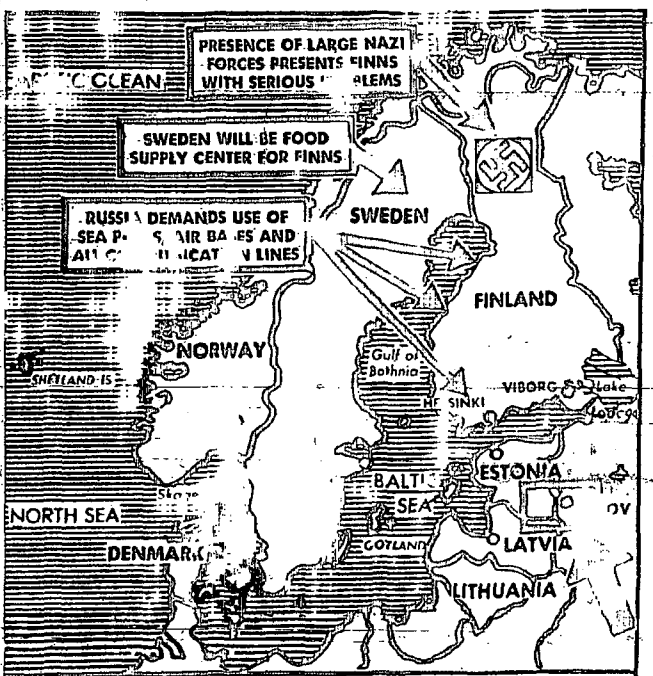
Members who were absent will please turn in their report on the amount of bonds they purchased since March 1, 1943.

Parents Code

SUGGESTED BY THE CRAWFORD COUNTY YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.

- 1. Allowance**—Children should have an allowance or have some opportunity to earn money they need for incidentals. Generally speaking, a senior high school boy needs about \$1.00 a week; senior girls need about 75c a week; junior boys and girls need from 35c to 75c a week.
- 2. Chaperones**—Social gatherings of youths and children should be arranged and allowed only for times when the parents of the host youth or child or other responsible adults, can be present.
- 3. Church**—Youths and children should be encouraged to attend church or Sunday School regularly. They should be encouraged to take an active part in young people's groups.
- 4. Companionship**—Parents should make every effort to give much-needed companionship to their children. The mothers should put their families before their social obligations—Dad—have you ever gone on a fishing or hunting trip with your son where just the two of you could be pals? And, Mother—how about you and your daughter?
- 5. Conduct**—Youths and children should be properly instructed to act as ladies and gentlemen always. Rowdiness of any sort should be censured.
- 6. Entertainment**—Parents should instruct their children that one place of entertainment only should be frequented in an evening. Multiple parties should be out. Plan activities to spread the entertainment. Revive old forms of entertainment such as pot-lucks before or after a movie... bring the entertainment back into the home.
- 7. Goal**—Parents should encourage and plan with their children so they will have a definite objective to work toward.
- 8. Health**—Youths and children need plenty of sleep, good food, and exercise. High school students need about nine hours sleep per night—others need about an hour more. Youths should be in on pre-school nights by 10 o'clock and on other nights by 12 midnight at the latest.
- 9. Home**—To do good school work, a regular time and a good place to study are needed. The youth should take care of his own room and have other regular chores to do around the house.
- 10. Property**—Youths and children should be instructed in the care of property. Property is of value and should not be destroyed. Teach your children to respect the property of others as well as your own.
- 11. Refreshments**—No refreshments of alcoholic content should be served to the youths or children. (Be careful to check on home stock.)
- 12. Reputation**—Parents should make their children aware that things done by them reflect not only on the child—but also on the home and the school as well.
- 13. Respect for Authority**—Children and youths should be made to understand that they must conform to the necessary rules or laws of the home, school and community.
- 14. School**—Students should be advised to take a normal load. They should be present and on time unless it is unavoidable. Parents should take a close interest in the grade of work done and give proper encouragement to get the best results the student is capable of. Check when report cards are issued, noting the attendance and marks.
- 15. Sports**—Encourage interest and participation in sports. Good sportsmanship should be commended at all times.

Advancing Russians a Problem for Finns



As Russian armies continue to advance in the face of desperate German resistance, the diplomatic situation in Finland is tense. Russia and Finland are still, technically, at war. Finland is faced with the alternatives of peace on Russia's terms, or possible disaster if the little country becomes a battleground for the opposing Red and Nazi armies. As a condition for peace Russia has been reported as insisting that the Finns prevent the escape of Nazi divisions in Finland.

Stage Set For Big Celebration

Thursday evening (tonight) at Shoppenagons Inn, Rev. Kuhlman and his boys are to celebrate. This is to be a sort of reward for helping him in his services.

Republican County Convention Mar. 20

The Republican county convention for the election of delegates to the state convention will be held at the Court House Monday, March 20, 1944, at 10 o'clock central war time.

Crawford County is entitled to send three delegates to the State convention, which will be held in Detroit, Thursday, April 20. Delegates elected at the last primary election continue until after the next primary election.

Delegates to the County Convention, March 20, 1944

- City of Grayling
Dr. C. C. Clippert, Mr. George Burke, Dr. C. R. Keyser, Mr. T. P. Peterson, Mr. Roy Milnes, Mr. Carl W. Peterson, Mr. Emil Giegling, Mr. T. W. Hanson, Mr. O. P. Schumann, Mr. Chas. E. Moore, Mrs. Carl Hanson, Mr. John Paependick.
- Township of Grayling
Mr. Fred Neiderer, Mr. Dan Babbitt, Mr. Hugo Schrieber, all of Grayling R. F. D.
- Township of Frederic
Mr. Jay O'Dell, Mr. William Leng, Mr. Carl Olson, Frederic, Michigan.
- Township of Maple Forest
Mr. Archie Horse, Mr. William Woodburn, Mr. Richard Babbitt, Grayling R. F. D.
- Township of Lovells
Mr. Austin Scott, Mr. Mike McCormick, Grayling R. F. D.
- Township of South Branch
Mr. Russell Stevens, Eldorado, Mich., Mr. Sidney Dyer, Roscommon, Mich., Mrs. Hazel Stevens, Eldorado, Mich.
- Township of Beaver Creek
Mr. George Annis, Mr. William Ferguson, Grayling R. F. D.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. Hilding Olson of E. Eight Mile Road Detroit, recently announced the engagement of his daughter, Vivian, to Pfc. Howard Johnson, son of the late Mr. Claire Johnson of Grayling.

Dewey Counts Receives Promotion

Teo, 4 Dewey R. Counts, 23, son of Mrs. Emma F. Van Natter, 301 Chestnut st., Grayling, Mich., recently received promotion from technician fifth grade to technician fourth grade at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Counts was employed by the Detroit Transmission Division of the General Motors corporation before induction into the Army June 9, 1942, at Fort Custer, Mich. He played three years of baseball and three years of basketball while attending Grayling high school and was treasurer of the senior class of 1939 there.

His wife, Mrs. Ernestine E. Counts, makes her home at Lawton, Okla., near Fort Sill.

Robert M. Roblin Passes Away

Robert M. Roblin, 76, retired railroad engineer, died of a heart attack, Wednesday, March 8, at his home in Bay City.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Staphis Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. Homer D. Mitchell.

Mr. Roblin is survived by a son, Robert T., of Chicago, and a grandson, John R., also of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Roblin were residents of Grayling for some 21 years, having moved here in 1903. Mr. Roblin being an engineer in the local yards of the Michigan Central, now a part of the New York Central system.

In 1924 they left Grayling, to reside in Owosso, where they lived only a short time before moving to Bay City, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Roblin died about four years ago.

Mr. Roblin was a highly respected, fine gentleman. He had a cheerful smile and a happy word for all his many friends. His tender care of his wife during the many years she was an invalid was typical of his fine characteristics. Grayling friends regret the passing of this good man.

Fire Destroys Craft Home

At 8 o'clock Saturday night, the home of Emery Craft, in the South Side, caught fire, following the explosion of an oil barrel in their garage.

Emery Jr. was taking oil from the barrel when it exploded, and he was thrown out of the garage door by the blast. The door had been left open. He was unhurt.

The flames spread quickly from the garage to the house, which was of frame construction, and in a short time it was a mass of flames.

The Grayling Fire Department was soon on the scene, but the fire had already gained so much headway for the firemen to save the building. Fireman William LaGrow suffered a cut on his head when he was struck by a section of the falling roof. Mr. Craft received a slight hand injury from broken window glass.

War Bonds and the washing machine were the only articles saved. The buildings were completely destroyed. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

HEARS OF SONS THROUGH THE RED CROSS

American Red Cross
Somewhere in Italy,
Feb. 5, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Lloyd Gierke, Grayling, Michigan.

Your two sons, Wilson and Lloyd, have been visiting our rest center and I thought you would like to know that they are well and in good spirits. They were overjoyed to find each other and spent a happy day together. How proud you must be of them! Both boys have returned to their jobs. Hope you will have them home again soon.

I congratulate you on having two such men in our Army.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Mary Y. Morford.

Home Extension Group No. 4

Home Extension Group No. 4 met at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond, Wednesday, March 8. The topic of discussion was "Home-made and Remodeled Furniture." Mrs. Jappe Smith gave a very interesting discourse with accompanying demonstrations in magazines, on modernizing the home with a few simple changes. Line, style and color harmony were stressed as important for the homemaker to improve her furniture.

When the lesson was completed, a social hour was enjoyed and a delicious lunch served by the hostess, Mrs. Bond.

All members voted to continue the course next fall and to have Achievement Day some time in the spring.

Spring Evangelistic Services

Beginning March 21 and closing March 31, 1944, there will be special evangelistic meetings at the Free Methodist Church, on the South Side.

Rev. Ralph Milks, Dist. Supt. of the Alpena District, will preach each evening from March 21 to 26.

Rev. Alton West of Onaway, Michigan, will conduct the services from March 27 to 31.

Come and hear the "John Wesley" type of Gospel messages. We all need to strengthen ourselves spiritually, that we may better help our boys at the front. Their greatest need is a spiritual one.

Alva L. Calkins, Pastor.

Decorated For Heroism

The following item appeared in the Cleveland (O.) Plain Dealer on March 5, 1944: Sgt. Bishop is the son of Mrs. Mauda Foley Bishop, of Cleveland.

At Miami, Florida, Feb. 20, 1944, the Soldier's Medal was presented by Lt. Col. Jos. Mackey, Commanding Officer of the 4th Ferrying Group Detachment to Sgt. Douglas Foley Bishop, and the following citation was read at the review by Capt. John Bayes, Jr., Commandant of troops:

1. Under authority of paragraph 12A-AR-000-43, and by direction of the President, the Soldier's Medal was awarded to Sgt. Douglas F. Bishop, A. S. N. Army Air Forces, for heroism beyond the call of duty, at Chateaufort Airport, Chateaufort, Michigan, Aug. 2, 1943.

2. Under total disregard for his own safety, Sgt. Bishop approached and entered a burning plane, removing the bodies of officers therefrom.

3. Sgt. Bishop directed the extinguishing of the flames by the fire Department, helped to move bodies of other officers from the plane, and remained on guard without sleep for over 24 hours until relieved by proper authority.

The medal was presented by Sgt. Bishop following his first mission by bomber to Africa, India and Burma.

Going Back To Get Revenge

Hurl Deckrow of Bay City was in Grayling the first of the week. He was accompanied by his stepson, Gerald Barger, Radama, 2nd class, U. S. Navy, who is home on furlough.

Gerald has seen a lot of service since entering the Navy, April 1941. From May 2, 1943, to February 3, 1944, he was in actual combat service, during which time he took part in the invasion of Sicily, Gela, Lacciatello, Salerno, Lettau and Onzio.

He witnessed the sinking of ships, and in 33 months traveled 375,000 sea (nautical) miles. He is a machine gunner and has been ever since he joined the Navy.

Gerald said: "Believe me, Japs are going to suffer for loss of my cousin (Theodore) (row). I'll do my best to get revenge for him. I may not be able to replace him, but God good and will see evil down."

Home Extension Group 3.

Mrs. Wm. Heric was hostess last Thursday evening for members of Group 3, Home Extension.

A pot-luck supper was served at 7 o'clock. During the business meeting, which followed, plans were discussed for Achievement Day and election of officers.

Leader, Mrs. Leo Jorgensen, Chairman, Mrs. Ernest Bond, Home Front Chairman, Mr. Car Goss; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. K. K. Kitchen.

The lesson was on "Home-made and Remodeled Furniture," created much discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the coming primary election I will be a candidate for Congress (Republican ticket) will open my campaign with a broadcast over radio station WECM on Sunday, March 13, 8:15 o'clock p. m. EDT.

David A. Ballard,
515 King St., Bay City, Mich.

Composed at Thirteen
Beethoven's first published musical composition appeared when he was 13 years old.

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A FAMILY MATTER

Roger Lee Wilkinson is the latest addition to our family of grandchildren. He makes the fifth—4 boys and a girl. His brother Johnny W., will soon be six and is in school at Millbrae, near San Francisco.

Roger Lee's cousins are Anne Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is four, and Carl John Bauer III, better known as 'Johnny B.', 2½ years, and Peter S. Bauer, about four months, of Saginaw. We are right proud of these youngsters. All have good Christian homes, and each should grow into honorable adulthood and become a useful and upright American citizen.

South Branch News

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hart were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hart, Wednesday.

Mrs. Burton Williams was at home over the week-end.

Mrs. Elsie Brunt attended a meeting on Child Guidance at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leine, of Bay City were at their farm home, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starr and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buck at Mid Forest Lodge, Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Dusenbury called on Miss Edith Floeter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Yantz, of Mancelona, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schwan, Sunday.

There will be services at Maple Valley school next Sunday, March 19. The children will meet at 2:30 and the adults at 3 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

Miss Helen Plumb, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Earl J. Plumb, was united in marriage to Mr. Lisle Tooker in the presence of two hundred relatives and friends in the Methodist Church in Edmore Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starr were among those attending the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Grayling, visited their niece, Mrs. Clara Forrester, Sunday.

Mr. Wesley Scott of West Branch was called to the bedside of his father, Mr. O. B. Scott, who is critically ill.

Mr. Robert Andrus left for the Army last Monday.

Books Wanted

Servicemen's hospitals are in need of good books. Anyone having interesting books may donate them.

The drive for books for this worthy purpose is being sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary, which requests that all persons having books to donate please call on or leave the books at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hanson.

Cover Foods
 In most refrigerators it's best to cover all foods except those like melons which have their own cover of thick skin. Moisture and flavors from uncovered food escape and freeze on the cooling unit. As the frost gets thicker, the temperature goes up.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

You hear a lot of talk about morale these days... but have you found many people who knew exactly what "morale" was?

Well, I was thumbing through my scrap book the other day, and I came on this verse I'd like to pass on to you...

It's the lift you get from a friendly smile...
 A brand new hat in a jaunty style...
 A letter from home that the post-man brings...
 Morale is a lot of little things.

Isn't it so? Morale is just a lot of little things. A flower in your button hole, a word of greeting,

Grange Notes

Don't forget the St. Patrick's night dance at the hall, Friday night. Everybody welcome. Modern and square dancing. For those who like a good, clean dance, here is the place to come. Music by the Nogaikes. Lunch will be served in the basement for those who want it. Everybody is requested to wear something green.

The party last Saturday night turned out good, and some very nice prizes were taken home—among them being five chickens. Thanks to the members for the donations of prizes.

A party will be held at the hall for the members who are going in the service soon.

Named for Governor

The Mogollon mountains of New Mexico were named for Don Juan Ignacio Flores Mogollon, 18th century Spanish governor.

Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services
 10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
 11:00 A. M.—Public worship.
 Young People's meeting at 6:30. Join us in these helpful meetings.
 Public is invited.
 H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

English Sunday Services
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
 11 A. M.—Worship.
 Everyone is welcome.
 Svend Holm, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State

Sunday Services
 Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
 Sermon—11:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting.
 Friday—7:30 p. m.
 Come and worship with us.
 Alva Calkins, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

New Location—Grange Hall

Sunday Services
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
 8:45 P. M.—Young people.
 7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Midweek Services

Thursday—

7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every-body's Bible Class.

You are welcome.

Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

We preach Christ crucified for our sins

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study—8:00 p. m.

EXCELSIOR CHURCH (near Darragh)

Services every Friday night—8:00 p. m.

Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor

JOHANNESBURG

Church Services Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Chas. Opitz.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ayotte and son Howard returned Monday from several weeks' visit in Bay City.

Mrs. W. H. Strobe and Mr. E. McDonald, of Detroit, were in Grayling recently, coming on account of the serious illness of Thomas Ingley.

Miss Bessie Brown entertained a number of friends at a '500' party last evening. Mrs. Clarence Brown and Mrs. Elvira Underhill held the high scores.

Miss Wilda Failing was hostess to a party of friends at a St. Patrick's party at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Olson, Saturday evening. Very attractive green decorations were used. Prizes for various games were won by Ervin Dodge and the Misses Ferne Armstrong, Elsie Sparkes, and Ruth Brenner. Miss

Margaret Joseph held high score for '500'.

Mrs. Victor Salling fell on the ice back of her home, and while her injuries are not serious, she has been confined to her home since Saturday.

Miss Carrie Jorgenson returned Friday of last week from Detroit, after being away over two weeks. She spent a few days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Langevin, of Lapeer, before returning home.

Supt. C. M. Morfit was called to Wilmington last Friday week, to confer with the head officials of the duPont Company.

Mr. G. L. Prehn, who succeeded Mr. P. E. Gardner as trainmaster with headquarters at Grayling, has been assigned to other duties at Detroit. His place will be taken by Mr. G. C. MacDonald and Mr. J. H. Lamb.



Letters

from Camp

Southwest Pacific.

Feb. 16th, 1944.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I've received the home town paper regularly since I've been in the Army, and it's nice to know what goes on back home. Mother used to send them to me before I started getting them direct from your office. We get a paper over here called "Guinea Gold", with war news from the other islands.

I spent several months in Australia before I came to this island in the Southwest Pacific. I saw a lot of the country in Australia because my job is driving a truck, and I was able to get around a little more than most of them without doing much walking. The country is mostly all woods and rough terrain, with a few cities along the coast.

I met a couple of the boys from home while I was there. They were Sgt. Donald Peterson and Cpl. Adam Horning. It seemed good to see them again. We had quite a visit together.

This island I'm on now is very rugged country. We have mountains and jungle and more different kinds of insects than I've ever seen before in my life. We have a nice mountain stream near camp where we bathe and wash our clothes. The sun is not every day and it rains quite regular, too.

We get our cigarettes and candy free one carton of cigarettes every ten days and some candy. I miss those good old home-cooked meals I used to get back home. Most of our food here is canned goods, but I guess it's the best they can do right now. I can't seem to get used to eating dehydrated potatoes; they have a funny taste.

I've seen some of the natives on this island. They are small, dark people and have big, bushy heads of hair. Some are red-heads. They look rather ugly to me. They live on coconuts and bananas and wild fruit.

Well, I hope this finds everyone well in Grayling. I wish we had some of your cold weather over here. Will close for now and hope to get more home news soon. So long.

As ever,

Jimmy

Pfc. James R. Wesley, 4413324, 24th Cav. Recon. Tpn., A. P. O. 24, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Laura M. Welch writes us to say that at last she and her mother, Mrs. Ella Sammons, have received a letter from Wesley. He has been traveling continuously since December 29, and is now somewhere in Italy. Says he is well and hoping to locate his pal, Swede Swanson. He sends his new address for the convenience of relatives and friends who may wish to write him. The new address is:

Sgt. Wesley O. Sammons, 76 Bomb Sq., 481 Bomb Gp., A. P. O. 520, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mom and Norman:

I have not written to you in quite some time and thought I'd write a nice long letter explaining why.

I left the Island Base Section, which I now can tell you was in California, Sicily. Got on a L. S. T. which is a troop and vehicle transport boat and started on a trip to Corsica. The first two days out were OK for all—meaning all the ships, for we had two ships and two sub chasers. The next day while I was on deck, one of the sub chasers started back. We all looked for this was queer. No, he wasn't going back home he just went back about a mile to protect our rear, for a sub was on our tail. Now the depth charges were exploding. Did they get it? I don't know, except for rumors, which were good. That night wasn't so good either that attack during the day

had put us on our toes, tho. We had another attack a short while after that, but our sub chasers were well on the alert.

I am writing this letter as we go along on the trip, and will type it up, once we reach the island. In other words, this letter is composed of a trip from Sicily to Corsica, and every little thing that happened.

Oh, we are coming in sight of an island; must be Corsica—or Sardinia. Well, I'm wrong again. It's a little island called "Mandella", just a few miles from where we are going. Why are we stopping here? This is a clean little city. Sort of reminds one of a city a hundred years ago. It is a very small city. The people are Italians.

Well, we are stopping at this island for one good reason. We had a good storm last night and we are halted while the small boats are dragging for mines that broke loose during the storm. We are also getting a little oil for our engines, and also we are on drinking water, we can't get any of that.

Well, the boys are going to the shore again. This is the third day on "Mandella". Why don't we move out? Couldn't be that the mines are not all out yet—or that these subs are waiting for us or that during this three days in Mandella we have had four Air Raid alerts. I think that it is the subs, for they come right in to the harbor. This used to be a sub base for the Italians and the Germans before we took it.

Well, we should have been in Corsica four days ago, but still being in Mandella disappoints us. I heard that we may move out today. It's OK I guess?

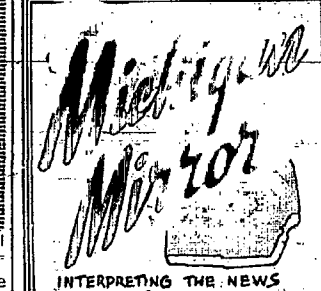
I want to add here a few things about Palermo that I couldn't say while I was there. The opera house I was telling you about is the third largest in the world. The city is a dirty filthy place, as is the rest of Europe I have seen. Many old historical things are in this city. The most interesting thing that I saw was the body of one of alba's generals. It looked as natural as tho he had just died. Here on this island there is nothing much to eat but fish and tangerines. I can get half a dozen oranges for a cigarette. Taste more oranges on this island than during the rest of my life. They cost a cent per pound—so you know why.

Well, enough on that. FLASH Another Air Raid. A few planes came out of the sunlight. No, they didn't shoot. We are a mile out in the harbor—but the Anti-aircraft on the islands are taking a few shots. Not so much to this raid. The enemy has a sub base 325 miles away, so we are really careful. We are already five days delayed. I wonder when we will get there.

As I said before, this letter is written a little at a time. That is, the minute anything happens. I write it down. This paragraph was written while the planes were still in sight. Meaning I am trying to write this action as I see it.

Well, this is Tuesday morning, Feb. 7, and the above paragraph pertains to this date. It's about noon, hope we shove off soon.

Today is Friday and we are on our way once again to Corsica. Nothing more has happened—except for a very rough trip. Getting off on one side of Corsica, where we made bivouac for the night. Being dark before we got there, we made our bed on the cold ground and tried to get some sleep, after drinking a cup of hot coffee, which was all we had for supper. It was really cold on the ground, and about 4 o'clock it began to rain and as we were asleep at the time, we did not notice the rain until our blankets were entirely wet. I got up, poured the water out of my shoes—put them on and started running around to get myself warm. I was really cold for the warm



Memories of old-time melodramas are being re-lived at Lansing, the state capital.

The reason—Prosecutor Kim Sigler, State's witness Charles Hemans, et al., and their sensational disclosures of purported graft in the state legislature.

In the Gay Nineties era, that preceded the flickering silver screen, a traveling troupe of actors would present in the town "opery" house such thrilling dramas as "East Lynne" and "The Midnight Express". The villain would conspire to wed Little Nell at the threat of foreclosing on the family homestead, or Little Nell would be rescued just in the nick of time from the path of the thundering midnight train.

And then there was the tear-jerker, "Uncle Tom's Cabin, or Life Among the Lowly", that propaganda masterpiece from the inspired mind of Harriet Beecher Stowe, which was produced at an earlier day, about 1850, and became an ever-popular perennial "Nick Carter", too, was a part of this period of American history.

We do not want to suggest that the Lansing hearing before Judge Leland W. Carr smacked of theatrical melodrama and illusion. It was, no denying matter, nevertheless, possessed the allegorical spirit of those sensational plots in which Little Nell found herself entangled—the sweet, innocent heroine pitted against a harsh, cruel world.

Examine the characters of the drama, if you please. The people's elected representative members of the state legislature, who were entrusted with the responsibility of making the laws under which we, a commonwealth in a democracy, govern ourselves. They travel to the state capital, Lansing, and take their places on the stage.

Next, on the list of characters, is the lobbyist. He represents what is commonly labeled the "vested interest" and hence is usually portrayed in the role of villain, seeking to dispossess Little Nell of her home or tie the gal to the rails.

The "vested interest" furnishes the tainted money whereby the lobbyist was to corrupt the people's representatives—or permit them to corrupt themselves.

The role of the hero is found individually, as the characters enter the stage, in the judge who is determined to see justice triumph over evil, and in the prosecutor who seeks to ferret out the conspiracy and to save Little Nell.

The heroine, of course, is the People of Michigan who would be wronged by such misdoings. All of this takes place in the first act, to be sure. You must wait until the third act, hanging breathlessly to your chair, to get the denouement just before the final curtain falls with a bang.

In the Lansing melodrama, however, the characters are not defined with ready acceptance by the audience through contrasts of ink black or snow white.

The lobbyist, who should be the villain, insists that he is the hero, an innocent victim of a system that exists at the state capital. In fact, he declares he has been a victim of "extortion" whereby the legislators forced him to part with the tainted money, etc. Furthermore, it is disclosed that the lobbyist, as a pay-off man who turns state's evidence, is to receive immunity from punishment.

But this is not the villain, but the hero. All this is but disconcerting to an audience that likes its drama presented by obvious characters. Further confusion follows when the witness makes charges of attempts at counter-corruption and even allegations that his life has been threatened—broad melodrama with a capital "M".

This is high drama, to be sure. But it was, after all, only the first act. The trial is to follow, and since justice must prevail, then the innocent will be acquitted.

Nowhere. We had some hot coffee and 'K' rations for lunch—which was a treat (not the food, but the small package of cigarettes in the package). We hadn't had any rations for three weeks.

We started the convoy over the mountains, and it took all day to go 75 miles, as the mountain was rather icy. It was freezing all the way, and my feet were still wet from the rain of the night before. Getting here at last, we ate the first hot meal that we had had in a day and a half. We were not hungry, tho; we went right to bed.

The next day I was in the Medical Det., and I think I am going to like it. Well, this is the close of this narrative of what happens on one of my trips over land and sea. It may be of interest to you, but to me it's just a part of the Army. It's a longer or exciting, or glorifying to me—it's just plain "What do you think?"

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ted and the guilty punished in a good, old Anglo-Saxon way. As sensational as the first act proved to be, the audience should be reminded that the remainder of the melodrama is yet to come, and that those who are accused should not be pre-judged as to their guilt or innocence until the evidence is presented by both sides and the jury announces the verdict.

Another bit of Lansing drama, that is currently engaging the audience's attention, concerns the well-publicized "boss" of the Michigan Republican party. Here is a man of professed mystery who has emerged unscathed from the fires of a Federal court trial, and remains today the titular representative of his party, its national committeeman.

For years the boss, portrayed traditionally in the character of a villain, has been the target of party reformers who declare him to be an artful Simon Legree. Each state convention has become the scene of "anti-boss" crusades until the party itself has become well-familiarized. Defenders of the boss loudly proclaim him to possess the strength of wise leadership, while his critics smartly denounce him in words equally fervent.

Now comes, in the here-a-role, the Governor of the State as a chosen leader of the people. He issues a courageous statement declaring that "certain conditions exist in regard to national committeeman that do not tend to create unity and call for a new selection in that office."

This, too, comes in the first act.

Yes, Lansing, the capital city, is being treated to high drama in 1944.

The next acts are being awaited amid sizeable suspense by the audience—the people of Michigan.

Will Little Nell be saved from the clutches of the villain, or the hero, or whatever he is?

Will the big bad boss be toppled from his throne by your seats, folks? Until the last acts of the drama, when the curtain crashes down, you'll probably have to wait for the answers.

J. EDGAR HOOVER DISCUSSES "WANDERING DAUGHTERS"

Where does the blame lie when children go wrong? Right in the home, is the opinion of J. Edgar Hoover. The FBI chief, writing in The American Weekly with next Sunday's (March 19th) issue, cites actual cases taken from the FBI files that reveal the sins of erring youngsters result from the shortcomings of parents. Get Sunday's Detroit Times!

Read your home paper. Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Rationing at a Glance

Board opens to the public to a m. to 5 p. m. every weekday.

PROCESSED FOODS.
 Green stamps K, L and M in Book 4 good through March 20 at face value. Blue stamps A-B, C-D, E-F and G-H in Book 4 good for 10 points each through May 20.

MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER, FATS, CANNED FISH, CANNED MILK.
 Brown stamps Y and Z in Book 3 good at face value thru March 21. Red stamps A-B, C-D, E-F and G-H in Book 4 good for 10 points each through May 20.

SUGAR
 Stamp 30 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds indefinitely. Stamp 31 is good April 1. Stamp 40 good for 5 pounds canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

SHOES.
 Stamp 18 in Book 1 expires on April 30. No. 1 Airplane stamp in Book 3 good for 1 pair until further notice.

GASOLINE
 Stamp A-10 good for 3 gal's thru March 21. B-1 and C-1 stamps good for 2 gal's until further notice. B-2, B-3 and C-2, C-3 stamps good for 5 gallons until used. State and license number must be written on face of each coupon IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of book.

TIRES.
 Next inspection due; A book vehicles by March 31, 1944; B's by June 30; C's by May 31; commercial vehicles every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

FUEL OIL.
 Coupon No. 3 expired March 13. Coupons Nos. 4 and 5 good now. Unit value 10 gallons. Change-making and reserve coupons good thru out heating year. Consumption in Saginaw district as of March 11 should not have exceeded 73 percent of season's ration.

STOVES.
 Certificates to purchase most heating and cooking stoves that burn coal, wood, oil or gas must be obtained from the local board.

SUGAR STAMP No. 30 GOOD INDEFINITELY
 Sugar stamp No. 30, now valid for five pounds, will be good indefinitely, the Crawford County War Price and Rationing Board announces. Previously it had been announced that Stamp 30 would expire on March 31. The OPA also announces that the next sugar stamp, No. 31, will become valid for five pounds

Friday and Saturday Specials

Excellent sand-grown Crawford County
Potatoes PECK 35c
Aunt Jennima
Bread Flour 25 Lb. Sack \$1.27
Eggs Strictly Fresh—Dozen 35c
Pure Lard All You Want—And NO RATION POINTS!
 A STRICTLY HOME-OWNED
 FOOD MARKET

Burrows Food Market

News Briefs

YOU'll enjoy our CHILLI
 Home-made of the best ingredi-
 ents. Grayling Restaurant.

Earl Broadbent of Gaylord was
 visiting friends in Grayling over
 the week-end.

Miss Rosemary La Brash spent
 the week-end with relatives in
 Flint and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Clark of
 Kalkaska spent Monday with the
 Emery Craft family.

Mrs. Frank Sales spent the
 first part of the week in Saginaw
 and Detroit on business.

Mrs. Eaton of Frederic returned
 home Sunday after spending
 several weeks in Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Vern Perry, who under-
 went a major operation at Mercy
 Hospital, is able to be around
 again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovely are
 the parents of a baby boy, born
 March 8. They now reside in
 Auburn.

Mrs. Edlore La Brash of De-
 troit was here a few days last
 week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul
 La Brash.

Mrs. Lee Ferrigo (Eva Bugby)
 of Saginaw is visiting her
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egge Bugby
 of Grayling.

Mrs. Fred Green of Harrisville,
 Mich., is visiting her daughter,
 Mrs. Donald Akers, and family
 for a few days.

Mrs. Milford Post and baby
 Jane of Bay City, are visiting
 their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery
 Craft, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Williams,
 of Midland, visited the latter's
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter La
 Motte, for a few days.

Tommy, little son of Mr. and
 Mrs. Thomas Roby (Claribel
 H.), is doing nicely, having just
 recovered from the measles.

Devere Wolcott family of
 Onond and Truman Ingram of
 Ros City visited Mr. and Mrs.
 Roy Wolcott over the week-end.

Miss Virginia Charron was
 home over the week-end visiting
 her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert
 Charron. She resides in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Atkinson
 are the proud parents of a baby
 boy, born Monday morning. She
 has been named Suzanne Jane.

Mr. Henry Ahman of Saginaw
 a few days last week visit-
 ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Christen-
 son.

Mr. and Mrs. Colburn Charles
 of Eaton Rapids, visited the
 latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
 Charles, over the week-

Mr. Paul La Brash was called
 to Flint as her granddaughter,
 Joyce La Brash, underwent an
 appendectomy. Her son, Henry
 La Brash of the U. S. Navy, ob-
 tained an emergency leave to
 visit his daughter.

Royale Wright left Sunday for
 Chicago on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Burns were
 in Owosso on business, over the
 week-end.

Dr. Don Howell of Saginaw
 spent the week-end fishing in
 Lake Margrethe.

Mr. Stanley Smith of Saginaw
 was home over the week-end,
 visiting his family.

Mrs. Gerald Herrick was in
 Detroit visiting her sister, Gloria,
 over the week-end.

Jay Stephan, A.S., is ill with
 scarlet fever in the City Hospi-
 tal, Cleveland, Ohio.

George Fairfield of Detroit was
 at his cabin on the AuSable river
 for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brandt,
 of Saginaw, were at their cabin
 on the AuSable, over the week-
 end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loper and
 their two children, of Detroit,
 spent the week-end here visiting
 relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coles, of
 Detroit, spent the latter part of
 last week visiting Mr. and Mrs.
 Otto Rostov and Dad Coles.

Pvt. Leon Lowe of Camp Bark-
 ley, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs.
 David Lowe, who has been seri-
 ously ill, is reported out of dan-
 ger.

Guy Peterson of Big Bay spent
 last week in Grayling on business
 and visited at the home of his
 sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs.
 Aired Hanson.

The Methodist Ladies' Junior
 Aid will have a bake sale at Ar-
 nold Burrows store, Saturday af-
 ternoon, March 25. Get your bak-
 ed goods there for that week-
 end. 3-18-24

J. E. Bugby left this week for
 the Great Lakes Engineering
 Works at River Rouge, where he
 will resume his duties as Stew-
 ard on the steamer "William J.
 Reibert".

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson are
 leaving for Lauderdale, Florida,
 March 26, to begin their trip
 home. They plan to stop in
 Washington, D. C., and Detroit,
 en route.

Arnold G. Babbitt, Army Air
 Forces aviation student, son of
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babbitt, recent-
 ly graduated from Fifty-sixth
 College Training (Air Crew),
 Norwich University, Norwich, Vt.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest
 Lovely, of Auburn, Mich., a son,
 March 8. He will be known as
 Bert LeRoy Lovely. Both moth-
 er and child are doing well. Mrs.
 Paul Lovely is with them.

George Mansfield of Detroit,
 who has been visiting his sister,
 Mrs. David Lowe, the past six
 weeks, has returned to his home,
 accompanied by his mother Mrs.
 Mamie Mansfield, who will visit
 him for a short time.

Jack Hall's cousin, Edward Go-
 key, of Bay City, is also in En-
 gland. This makes six grandsons
 of Mrs. E. A. Jennings now in the
 service, besides the husband of a
 granddaughter. Four are serv-
 ing across the Atlantic.

Misses Ernestine and Beverly
 Stephan had as their dinner
 guests Sunday, Bennie Allen,
 John Harmer, Caroline and Jack
 Post. The dinner was in honor
 of Jack, who is expecting his call
 for the Army Air Corps.

A son was born to Mr. and
 Mrs. Jack Dunckley, of Walled
 Lake (formerly of Frederic), on
 March 4th. The baby weighed 7
 pounds 4 ounces, and has been
 named Jack Richard. Mrs.
 Dunckley is the former Miss
 June Harmer.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson was hostess
 to the ladies of her bridge club,
 Wednesday, at a pot-luck lunch-
 eon. The afternoon was spent
 playing contract, high scores fall-
 ing to Mrs. Esbern Hanson and
 Mrs. Mary Gretchen Ocker. Mrs.
 Ocker was a guest of the club.

DANCE AT SPIKE'S—5-piece
 Band—every Saturday night.

Mrs. Roy Trudgeon was hostess
 to her bridge club Saturday
 afternoon at Shoppenagons Inn.
 Very lovely hand-painted decora-
 tions were arranged for the
 pleasure of the guests. Miss
 Margrethe Bauman and Mrs.
 Willard Cornell were honor la-
 dies. This was the final for the
 season.

I will be in Gaylord, Friday
 and Friday evening, March 31st,
 1944. Offices over Guggisberg's
 store, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Eyes ex-
 amined and glasses prescribed.
 Call phone 149M, Gaylord, for
 appointment. Dr. Kenneth W.
 Tinker, Optometrist, Travers
 City, Michigan.

We are in a position
 to meet every call
 promptly.

NORMAN E. BUTLER
 Grayling Funeral Home
 Ambulance Service
 Phone 8331

Grayling Girl Meets Australian Corres- pondent

Miss Yvonne Bradley's picture,
 together with Sergeant Albert
 Koory, appeared in the Detroit
 News today.

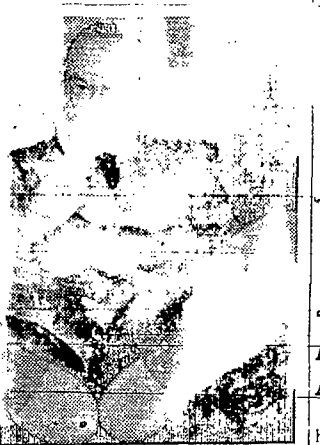
After eight years of corres-
 pondence with Sgt. Koory, a
 bombardier with the Royal Aus-
 tralian Air Force, the two met in
 Detroit yesterday, and today they
 are visiting Yvonne's parents. Mr.
 and Mrs. Henry Bradley, of
 Grayling. In next week's issue
 of the Avalanche we will publish
 the story of their correspond-
 ence.

To Boxers at War



James J. Walker presents the Ed-
 ward J. Neil Memorial awarded for
 1943 by the boxing writers' associa-
 tion to 4,135 boxers, living and dead,
 who answered the nation's call to
 arms. Al Buck, president of the box-
 ing association, receives the plaque.

Too Big



Timothy ("Tiny") Baskin, 6 feet
 7 1/2 inches, complains he's "just a
 civilian." He was rejected, although
 he reduced from 350 to 212 pounds
 and had his arches lifted.

Rabbits a Problem
 Repellants are usually not effec-
 tive in protecting garden plants
 from rabbits for strong repellants
 sprayed on plants may cause seri-
 ous injury.

Everyone is urged to attend
 the lecture to be given by Rev.
 Svend Holm at Michelson Mem-
 orial Church, Monday evening
 at 8:00 o'clock. The lecture is
 sponsored by the Woman's Club.

S-2-c (S.K.) Miss Yvonne
 Stephan, of Storekeeper School,
 Indiana University, Bloomington,
 Indiana, is visiting her parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stephan.
 She arrived last Thursday, and
 after spending five days here, she
 will go to Swanton, Conn., R. I.

Late NEWS is always welcome
 but reports of meetings that
 might have been sent or handed
 in several days before press day,
 can expect but little considera-
 tion if they come in late. We just
 do not have the help needed
 these days, and we have to limit
 the setting of unnecessarily late
 copy.

Karl Wilson, who resided in
 Grayling many years ago, died at
 his home in Flint. The remains
 were brought to Grayling for in-
 terment, Wednesday. He is sur-
 vived by two daughters, Mrs.
 Myrtle Strain of Flint and Mrs.
 Hazel Schonefeld of Montross. His
 wife and four sons, who preceded
 him in death, also rest in the lo-
 cal cemetery.

Last Saturday evening, after
 the basketball games, fourteen of
 Miss Ernestine Stephan's friends
 joined her at her home to help
 her celebrate her 17th birthday.
 After the opening of gifts, a deli-
 cious lunch of ice cream and cake
 was served. The young folks
 spent the rest of the evening
 dancing. An out of town guest
 present was Miss Dorothy Sling-
 ley of Gaylord.

Miss Mary Jane Joseph, a sen-
 ior student, taking Institutional
 Management at Michigan State
 College, East Lansing, was se-
 lected as one of a group of 15
 girls to attend the National Hotel
 Men's convention held at the Pal-
 mer House, Chicago, March 8-11.
 It is a privilege to attend a con-
 vention of this kind and observe
 how well banquets of such mag-
 nitude are managed.

WILTLESS WONDERS IN
CRISPUNAIRE

By
GEORGIANA

\$6.95
to
\$10.95

Wear it... you'll be amazed the way
it drops wrinkles! Wash it... see how
this crisp spun rayon retains its flower-
like freshness. See again how much
style value Georgiana gives you for so
little. Ask for Crispunaires!

Left—Blue, rose, orchid, or
green. Sizes 10 to 18. Right—Grey, blue, brown or
green. Sizes 14 1/2 to 24 1/2.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Eva Madsen Entertains

The "We Girls" club met at the
 home of Miss Eva Madsen, Wed-
 nesday evening.

Monopoly was played, with
 the Misses Ferne Akers and Mar-
 garet Reynolds holding high
 score and Miss Betty Jean Failing
 and Mrs. Betty Martin, the low
 scores.

The club was organized at the
 home of Mrs. Rose Akers some
 time ago, and consisted of seven
 girls: Ferne Akers, Rose Akers,
 Ruth Kernosky, Margaret Elagg,
 Marie La Motte, Eva Madsen and

Betty Martin.
 At this meeting two new mem-
 bers were added: Margaret Rey-
 nolds and Betty Jean Failing.
 A lovely lunch was served by
 the hostess. The next meeting is
 to be held March 29 at the home
 of Marie La Motte.

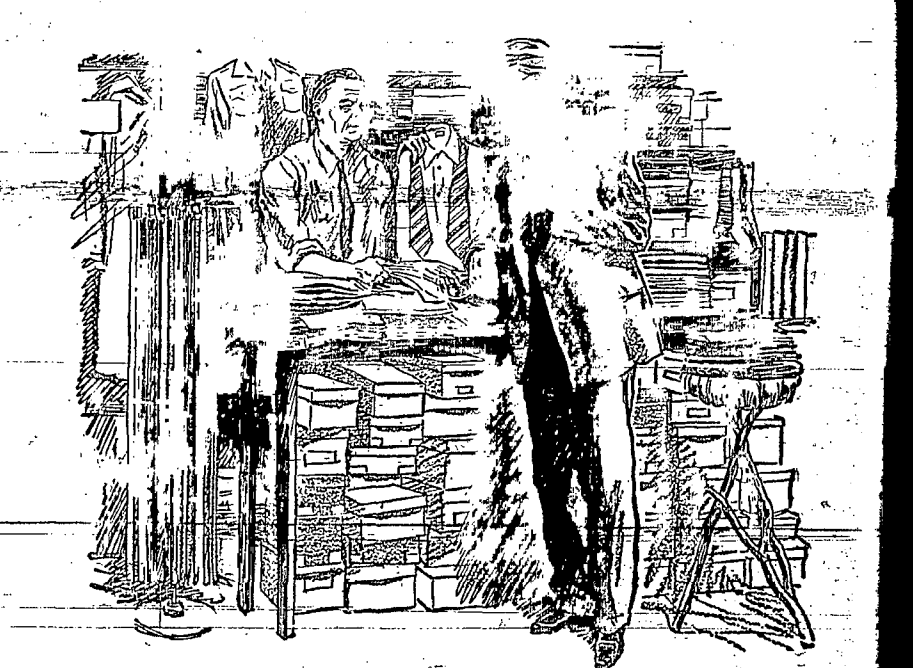
The Weather

Friday, March 10, "old winter"
 seemed to get revenge before we
 could report the mildest winter
 in a decade. At 6 o'clock p. m.,
 the thermometer recorded 6 be-
 low zero, and at 3:0 a. m., the
 record showed 15 below zero.
 However, for the days following

the records were:
 March 11...34 above 50 at
 March 12...30 above 26 at
 March 13...13 above 36 at
 March 14...24 above 26 at
 March 15...27 above 28 at
 March 16...30 above 28 at

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon
 left Monday for a trip South.
 Mrs. Walter McClanahan will
 meet them and take them to the
 home at Sea Island, Georgia. Fol-
 lowing a visit there, they will
 go to Miami, Fla., to be guests
 of Mr. and Mrs. William Cassidy,
 Midland, who have a winter
 home there.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Sorry Judge, my shipment of suspenders
 still hasn't come in. Some articles are mighty
 scarce these days. I don't get anywhere
 near as much as I could sell."

"With the war going on, Frank, we've got
 to expect those things. It's true of luxuries
 just as it is of necessities. Take whiskey,
 for example. There's a real shortage in that.
 It's to be expected when you realize there
 hasn't been a drop of it distilled in this
 country since way back in October, 1942."

"The only thing distillers have been making
 during that time is war-alcohol for the
 Government. So, I wasn't surprised a bit
 to read how bootlegging and black markets
 have sprung up around the country as a
 result of the dwindling supply. Our 13 years
 of prohibition proved that if folks can't get
 legal whiskey, they'll get illicit whiskey. Sure
 hope the shortage doesn't last too long. I'd
 hate to see this country turned over to the
 bootleggers again."

This advertisement sponsored by Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries

Saint Patrick Dancing

Friday Nite, March 17

3-Piece Orchestra
 Harry Claire and Eddie

Pat and Ella's

Annual Tax Sale

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

County of Crawford,

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.

In the matter of the petition of Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, for the sale of certain lands for taxes assessed thereon.

On reading and filing the petition of the Auditor General of the State of Michigan praying for a decree in favor of the State of Michigan, against each parcel of land therein described, for the amounts therein specified, claimed to be due for taxes, interest and charges on each such parcel of land, and that such lands be sold for the amounts so claimed by the State of Michigan.

It is ordered that said petition will be brought on for hearing and decree at the April term of this Court, to be held at Grayling in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1944, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that all persons interested in such lands or any part thereof, desiring to contest the lien claimed thereon by the State of Michigan, for such taxes, interest and charges, or any part thereof, shall appear in said Court, and file with the clerk thereof their objections thereto on or before the first day of the term of this Court above mentioned, and that in default thereof the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be taken and entered as prayed for in said petition. And it is further ordered that in pursuance of said decree the lands described in said petition for which a decree of sale shall be made, will be sold for the several taxes, interest and charges thereon as determined by such decree, on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on said day, or on the day or days subsequent thereto as may be necessary to complete the sale of said lands and of each and every parcel thereof, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at such convenient place as shall be selected by him at the county seat of the County of Crawford, State of Michigan; and that the sale then and there made will be a public sale, and each parcel described in the decree shall be separately exposed for sale for the total taxes, interest and charges, and the sale shall be made to the person paying the full amount charged against such parcel, and accepting a conveyance of the smallest undivided fee simple interest therein, or, if no person will pay the taxes and charges and take a conveyance of less than the entire thereof, then the whole parcel shall be offered and sold. If any parcel of land cannot be sold for taxes, interest and charges, such parcel shall be passed over for the time being, and shall, on the succeeding day, or before the close of the sale, be reoffered, and if, on such second offer, or during such sale, the same cannot be sold for the amount aforesaid, the County Treasurer shall bid off the same in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Crawford County this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1944.

John C. Shaffer,

Countersigned, Bessie Peterson, Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.

In the Matter of the Petition of Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, for the sale of certain lands for taxes assessed thereon.

To the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery:

Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, respectfully shows unto the Court:

1. That he, is the Auditor General of the State of Michigan and makes and files this petition under, by virtue of and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended, and Act No. 126 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended;

2. That Schedule A annexed hereto is the tax record required by the act first above mentioned and contains the description of all lands in the aforesaid county upon which taxes, which were assessed for the years mentioned therein, have remained unpaid for more than one year after they were returned as delinquent, the description of all lands in said county heretofore bid off in the name of the State and thus held and upon which taxes, which were assessed subsequent to the tax for which such lands were sold to the State have remained unpaid for more than one year after they were returned as delinquent, and the description of all lands in said County which are delinquent for any installment of taxes under the provisions of the act last above mentioned;

3. That extended separately in said schedule against each description of said lands therein contained are (a) the total amount of delinquent taxes upon said description for the non-payment of which the same may lawfully be sold at the next annual tax sale, (b) interest computed thereon as provided by law to the first day of May, next ensuing, (c) a collection fee of four per cent and (d) \$1.00 for expenses, all in accordance with the provisions of the act first above mentioned;

4. That all of the aforesaid taxes, interest and charges are valid, delinquent and unpaid, and have remained delinquent and unpaid for sufficient time to authorize and require, as provided by the foregoing acts, the sale of the aforesaid parcels of land against which they were assessed and are extended in said schedule at the next annual tax sale for the non-payment thereof, and that the said taxes, interest, collection fee and expenses so extended in said schedule against each parcel of land therein described constitute a valid lien upon each of the said several parcels of land described in said schedule as therein and against which extended in favor of the people of the State of Michigan, the payment of which lien this court may enforce as a preferred or first claim upon such lands by the sale thereof.

Wherefore your petitioner prays:

a. That within the time provided by law this court may determine and decree that the aforesaid taxes, interest, collection fee and charges are valid and constitute a valid lien upon each of the said several parcels of land described in said schedule as therein extended;

b. That within the time provided by law this court make a final decree in favor of the State of Michigan against each parcel of said lands for the payment of the several amounts of taxes, interest, collection fee and expenses, as computed and extended in said schedule against the several parcels of land therein contained;

c. That said decree provide that in default of the payment so ordered of the said several sums computed and extended against

said lands in said schedule, the said several parcels of land, or such interest therein as may be necessary to satisfy the amount decreed against the same, shall severally be sold as the law provides;

d. That your petitioner may have such other and further relief in the premises as to this court may seem just and equitable. And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated: February 1, 1944.

VERNON J. BROWN,
Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State.

SCHEDULE "A"

Taxes of 1941 and Prior Years

TOWN No. 25 NORTH, RANGE No. 3 WEST
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Description of Parcel	Section	Acres or Blk.	Years for Which Delinquent From To Inclusive	Total Taxes Interest and Charges Due Said Years Dol. Ct.
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	1	40	1941	3.78
S 1/2 of N 1/2 of SE 1/4	1	40	1941	3.97
North 20 A. of S 1/2 of SE 1/4	4	20	1941	2.49
The unplatted part of W 1/2 of NE 1/4	11		1941	1.56
Lot 10, Block 38	11		1941	1.19
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	12	40	1941	4.15
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4	12	40	1941	4.15
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4	12	40	1941	6.56
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	13	20	1941	2.86
S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	20	5	1941	4.71
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	22	40	1941	4.71
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4	22	40	1941	4.71
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	22	40	1941	21.38
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	22	40	1941	4.71
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	23	40	1941	2.68
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	23	20	1941	2.68
S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	23	20	1941	4.71
A piece of land beginning 660 ft. East of SW Cor. of Sec. 31, thence North 220 ft., East 40 ft., South 220 ft., West 40 ft. to place of beginning	31		1941	1.93
A piece of land commencing 660 ft. East and 260 ft. N. of SW cor. of Sec. 31, thence E. 220 ft., North 40 ft., West 220 ft., South 40 ft. to place of beginning. Also 1-63 interest in a lot starting 962 ft. East of SW corner Sec. 31, thence North 220 ft., East 40 ft., South 220 ft., West 40 ft., to place of beginning	31		1941	2.86
A piece of land commencing 660 ft. East and 500 ft. North of SW corner of Section 31, thence East 220 ft., North 40 ft., West 220 ft., South 40 ft. to place of beginning. Also 1-63 interest in a lot starting 962 ft. East of SW corner Sec. 31, thence North 220 ft., East 40 ft., South 220 ft., West 40 ft. to place of beginning	31		1941	1.93
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4	5	40	1941	4.15
Commencing at a point 512 ft. South and 33 ft. West of NE corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 thence West 420 ft., South 264 ft. 10 ft., East 420 ft., North 263 ft. 6-10 ft., to place of beginning	35		1941	10.27

TOWN No. 27 NORTH, RANGE No. 4 WEST
FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Description of Parcel	Section	Acres or Blk.	Years for Which Delinquent From To Inclusive	Total Taxes Interest and Charges Due Said Years Dol. Ct.
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	1	40	1941	5.94
W 1/2 of NW 1/4	2	80	1941	25.70
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4	3	40	1941	5.94
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 except 8 9-10 Acres West of R. R. and 4 29-100 Acres for Cemetery and 2 1-10 Acres owned by VanVolkenberg	35		1941	15.82

TOWN No. 28 NORTH, RANGE No. 4 WEST
Part of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 beginning at Southwest corner of McKees Addition to Village of Frederic, thence East 54 rds., South 21 rds., West 54 rds., North 21 rds. to place of beginning

35 3.47

A piece of land beginning at a point 141 ft. East of center of Section 35, thence East 100 feet, South 110 ft., West 100 ft., North 110 feet to place of beginning

35 1.25

A piece of land beginning at a point 141 ft. East of center, and 110 ft. South of center of Section 35, thence East 100 ft., South parallel with R. R. 138 ft., West 100 ft., North 138 ft. to place of beginning

35 1.25

A piece of land commencing at a point on the N. and S. 1/4 line of Section 35 from center of Section 412 ft. North, thence East 66 ft., North 321 ft., West 66 ft., South 321 ft. to place of beginning

35 3.47

Commencing at a point on West boundary line of R. O. W. of Ward's R. R. so called, 733 ft. North of South line of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and running West 84 ft. parallel with South boundary thence parallel with West boundary line of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 running East along North boundary line to said West boundary of Ward's R. R. so called, thence South along said boundary line of said R. R. to place of beginning

35 3.47

A piece of land bounded and included within a line commencing at a point on the N. and S. 1/4 line of Section 35, 47 rds. South of said Section, thence East 147 links, thence South parallel with right of way of R. R. 170 links, West 147 links, North 170 links to place of beginning. Said description being 1/2 acre less street laid out and opened on West line of said parcel of land

35 1.25

A piece of land commencing at a point 68 ft. East and 144 ft. South of center, thence East 77 ft., South 138 ft., E. 100 ft., thence South parallel with M. C. R. R. right of way 62 15-16 rds., West 170 ft., North 80 rds. to place of beginning, and being a part of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 except description which is 1/2 acre less public street laid out and opened on West side of Sec. 41 rds. South of center of said Sec. 35

35 1.62

Description of Parcel Section Acres or Blk. Years for Which Delinquent From To Inclusive Total Taxes Interest and Charges Due Said Years Dol. Ct.

VILLAGE OF FREDERIC

Brown & Johnson Addition
Lots 3 and 4 5 1941 8.41
Dilley's Addition
Lots 5, Block 1 1 1941 3.47
McRae's Addition
Lots 5 and 6 6 1941 3.47

Description of Parcel	Section	Acres or Blk.	Years for Which Delinquent From To Inclusive	Total Taxes Interest and Charges Due Said Years Dol. Ct.
NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	5		1941	3.78
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4	10	40	1941	3.21
			1939	3.98
			1941	3.71
				1.00

TOWN No. 26 NORTH, RANGE No. 2 WEST
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Commencing at a point in Sec. 11, 26-2 727 S. of 1/4 post on East line 443.7 feet of same measured on bearing of N. 86 deg. West, thence running South 26 deg. 50 min., East 318 feet, thence South 37 deg. 30 min., West 245 ft. to bank of AuSable river, thence North 7 deg. 30 ft., West 290 ft., thence North 13 deg. 15 min., East 202 ft. to place of beginning, and being a part of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and containing 1 acre.

11 1 1941 28.79

All that part of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 12-21-2 lying South of center of AuSable river and West of highway called Cheney road, except a piece of land described as follows: beginning at SW 1/4 post on Section line, thence running North 57 deg., East 200 ft., thence North 110 ft. to center of river, also excepting right to school dist. No. 4 for school site.

12 34 1941 75.10

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1940 3.98

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.71

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1941 1.00

NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1940 8.69

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.98

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Description of Parcel	Section	Acres or Blk.	Years for Which Delinquent From To Inclusive	Total Taxes Interest and Charges Due Said Years Dol. Ct.
Lot 45	4		1940	.80
			1941	.75
				1.00
Lot 6	5		1940	.80
			1941	.75
				1.00

TOWN No. 26 NORTH, RANGE No. 3 WEST
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

5th Addition to Portage Lake Park
Lots 37 & 38 6 1941 2.49

6th Addition to Portage Lake Park
Lots 6 to 10 Incl. 12 1941 4.71

Shaw's Park
Lot 11 1941 12.12

Lot 23 1941 10.27

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.98

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.71

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1941 1.00

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Lot 12	12		1941	1.00
Lot 8	1		1941	.80
Lot 10	4		1941	.75
Lot 7	8		1941	.75
Lot 10 except 15x40 ft. in Southwest corner and the Southerly 3 ft. of Lot 9	15		1941	.75
Lot 1	18		1941	.75
Easterly 50 ft. of Lots 11 and 22	18		1941	.75
Lot 2	20		1941	.75
Lot 2	21		1941	.75
Lot 3	21		1941	.75
Lot 3	22		1941	.75

TOWN No. 26 NORTH, RANGE No. 1 WEST
SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Commencing where North and South between NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 intersects the South bank of AuSable river, middle of stream, West upstream a middle of stream 10 rds., North 16 rds. 10 rds., South along 1/4 line to beginning

32 1.00

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.98

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.71

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1941 1.00

NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 12 40 1940 8.69

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 12 40 1941 3.98

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